

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0030] Methods of treating subterranean zones and viscous aqueous fluids containing xanthan biopolymer gelling agent and a combination cross-linker and delayed breaker are provided. A viscous cross-linked aqueous treating fluid of the invention comprises water, a xanthan polymer gelling agent, and a combination cross-linker and delayed breaker for said xanthan biopolymer gelling agent.